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11. (SBU) Poloff met with MFA Desk Officer responsible for Yemen Gudrun Masloch January 26 to provide reftel points and discuss Germany's approach to Yemen. Gudrun said that due to Bundestag meetings, Foreign Minister Westerwelle will not attend the January 27 London Conference on Yemen, but will send MFA State Minister Werner Hoyer and MFA Near East assistant secretary equivalent Andreas Michaelis. Masloch (only one week in her position, coming from Riga) said that reftel talking points are fairly general, but appear to track German thinking. She said she would confer with colleagues and notify us of any substantive responses to the points. Masloch asked whether Yemen had indicated it would commit to any IMF programs. Masloch also provided Poloff with an MFA non paper on Yemen which post will email to NEA/ARP separately. DELAWIE